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SUBJECT: SUGAR SALE TO PRC

REF: MANILA 9813

1. ACCORDING TO RECENT NEWSPAPER ARTICLES, THE PHILIPPINES INTERNATIONAL TRADING CO. (PITC), A GOVERNMENT TRADING FIRM, RECENTLY NEGOTIATED A \$3.1 MILLION SUGAR CONTRACT WITH THE PRC. WHILE QUANTITY NOT REVEALED, ABOUT 7,000 METRIC TONS WOULD BE INVOLVED IF CONTRACT AT PREVAILING WORLD PRICES.

2. TIMES JOURNAL PLAYED UP SALE AS FIRST SOLID STEP TO DIVERSIFICATION OF PHILIPPINE SUGAR MARKETS SINCE TERMINATION OF U.S. SUGAR ACT DESPITE FACT JAPAN HAS BEEN MAJOR OUTLET THIS YEAR.

3. THIS IS FIRST SALE OF GOODS TO PRC BY PITC SINCE JANUARY WHEN PITC SOLD \$12 MILLION COPPER CONCENTRATE, COCONUT OIL  
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AND LOGS.

4. GIVEN RELATIVE INSIGNIFICANCE OF SALE, FACT MAJOR DAILY  
GAVE FRONTPAGE HEADLINE TREATMENT INDICATES GOP ATTEMPT TO  
CONVINCE PUBLIC THAT PHILIPPINES WILL REAP GREAT TRADE  
BENEFITS FROM ESTABLISHMENT OF TIES WITH PRC AND THAT IT IS  
NOT DEPENDENT ON U.S. MARKET DESPITE FACT EXPORTABLE STOCKS  
AT EMBARRASSINGLY HIGH LEVELS AND NEW MILLING SEASON ONLY 2  
MONTHS AWAY.  
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